

Reference Realia

(Especially for Visual Learners)

Citizen's Redistricting Commission

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-----Overarching Addendum #1-----

**Dan Walters Philosophical Statement
on Redistricting**

intricacies in our governmental processes including direct democracy, partisan warfare, and voter unawareness. The lack of representation in some districts, the infeasibility of representing districts that are severely skewed, and the misruling of the California Supreme Court have shown the injustices incurred in the process. Most importantly, however, a fundamental disagreement has been shown between the residents of California and their political leaders, regardless of political affiliation. It would not be an untruth to say that most Californians don't expect elected officials to place primary priority in self preservation.

Dan Walters, noted columnist for The Sacramento Union summed up the reapportionment legacy:

"The broader public, if it thinks about reapportionment at all, see the process as one of equalizing the population of districts in a manner that retains certain communities of interest and avoids the butchery of city and county line- regardless of its impact on the political futures of individual politicians" (Walters, Page B-1).

As the reapportionment legacy continues, historic precedents of fair practices, representative and responsive government, and consistent court procedures must prevail.

-----Addendum #2 for Question 2-----

Truth Seeking Unit

Truth Seeking? • "The Issues" • Democrats vs. Republicans • Your Inclinations?

Do's? **CAF**

SQ

BPA

CD

Don'ts? **AAH**

RAA

SM

~~NAD~~

"Liberal Thought"

Liberal "attacks" (on conservatives)

"Conservative Thought"

Conservative "attacks" (on liberals)

"The Government should provide health care for everyone." (being debated)

Agree-

Disagree-

"NAFTA (Global Free trade) is good for everyone." (1994)

Agree-

Disagree-

"Businesses should be allowed to drill for oil in Alaska.." (being debated)

Agree-

Disagree-

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"Businesses and schools should use Affirmative Action." (Prop 209—California 1996)

Agree-

Disagree-

"Women should have the right to choose to have an abortion." (*Roe vs. Wade* 1973)

Agree-

Disagree-

"The Death Penalty is a valid punishment." (39 states)

Agree-

Disagree-

"Marriage should be between one man and one woman." (Prop. 22—California 2000)

Agree-

Disagree-

"San Francisco was right to ban handguns." (2006)

Agree-

Disagree-

"How about the KHS Indian mascot?"

Third Parties? ---Help and/or hinder politics?

-----Addendum #3 for Question #3-----

**Redistricting/Gerrymandering
Authentic and Cognitive Assessment**

Fill In

Southern Senators staged a 6-month _____ to delay passage of Civil Rights laws.

Nancy Pelosi, the _____, recognizes which Congressperson speaks.

The Senate passed a _____ stating it's opinion on the Iraq conflict.

The government is forbidden from passing _____ laws. (after the fact)

The House Rules Committee _____ the bill. (set it aside indefinitely)

The Kelseyville School Board held a(n) _____, where they met in private.

The _____ votes in the Senate only if there's a tie. ↖

The title of the person who "runs" the Senate: _____ (in the absence of the _____)

Declaring war, levying taxes, and regulating interstate commerce are among Congress' _____

The _____ of the Constitution allows Congress to make all necessary and proper laws.

The _____ clause in the Constitution forbids the gov't from holding a "body" without a charge.

A(n) _____ is a "special interest" person that tries to influence legislation.

Senate and Assembly members met in a(n) _____ to "iron out" differences in similar bills.

Governor Davis faced a _____ election to remove him from office before his term was over.

The _____ of the Constitution allows the voters of each state to elect their two U. S. Senators.

What is a P. A. C.? _____ What does it do? _____

Lake County is governed by a 5-member _____

California voters passed a(n) _____ to stop a law from going into effect.

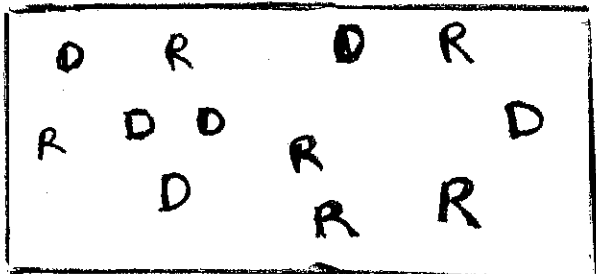
Toss out some numbers....How many people are in the: U. S. Senate _____ House of Reps. _____

California Senate _____ Assembly _____

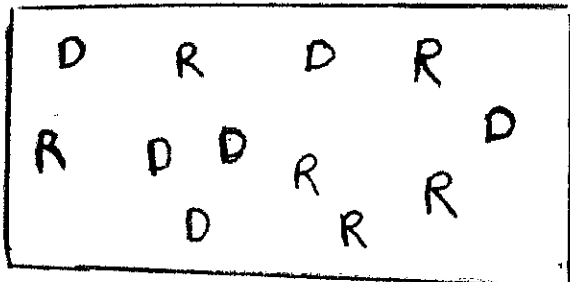
You get to gerrymander this state's Congressional districts.

Make 4 DISTRICTS on each map. (Count D's and R's ?)

You're a Democrat



You're a Republican



Writing Questions (on the back)

1. Explain **Apportionment** and **Reapportionment** (what? when? why?)
2. Describe **Partisan Gerrymandering** (Who? How? Why?)
3. Discuss the pros and cons of **Racial Gerrymandering**
4. Explain the **PROP 164 saga**. Include some info on **PROP 140**.

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